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Department: Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development

Title: EXTENDING COVID 19 DECLARATION/RELIEF

Appropriation: Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Allocation: Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Requester: (S) Rules

OMB Component Number: 2417

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2021 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2021 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2020) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SB 241 extends the COVID-19 public health disaster emergency, declared by Governor Dunleavy on March 11, 2020, to November 15, 2020. The bill also includes additional powers and programs for various departments necessary to address the COVID-19 situation.

SB 241 tolls all statutory and regulatory deadlines for the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) during the public health disaster emergency until November 15, 2020. Failure by the RCA to act on a filing does not constitute approval or dismissal by the RCA. This does not apply to statutory or regulatory deadlines that were extended for good cause by the RCA before March 11, 2020.

The legislation states that a public utility may not disconnect residential utility service for nonpayment to a person experiencing financial hardship due to the disaster. The public utility shall make reasonable efforts to reconnect utility service to an occupied dwelling that was disconnected for nonpayment on or after March 11, 2020.

SB 241 provides for a certificated utility under AS 42.05 to record regulatory assets for residential utility bills that are not paid during the declaration approval to be included in future rates.

The bill prohibits a landlord from evicting a person experiencing financial hardship due to the disaster from a residential or commercial property for nonpayment of rent. A person seeking protection under this section shall provide the landlord an sworn statement stating they are experiencing financial hardship.

The RCA expects to implement the provisions of this legislation with existing resources, and does not anticipate fiscal impact from this legislation.